



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Reorganization of the Lodi City Council

MEETING DATE: December 1, 1993

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council elect a Mayor and a Mayor Pro Tempore to serve the Lodi City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Municipal Code provides that the presiding officer of the Council shall be the Mayor who shall be elected annually.

The procedure for the reorganization of the City Council is outlined in the attached memo to the City Council.

FUNDING: None required.

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To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Lodi City Council
City Manager
City Attorney

From: Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk *JMP*

Date: November 22, 1993

Subject: Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore

Pursuant to the Lodi Municipal Code, the election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore will be conducted at the December 1, 1993 City Council meeting.

The "Reorganization of the City Council" will appear on the formal agenda just prior to the adjournment. This segment of the agenda traditionally is conducted in the following manner:

1. Mayor Pennino will announce the agenda title. Mayor Pennino may then wish to make some remarks regarding the past year.
2. City Clerk Perrin will then ask the Mayor to join her at the podium at which time a presentation will be made to Mayor Pennino.
3. At this time the City Manager and the City Attorney will vacate their seats at the Council table.
4. Mayor Pennino will be seated in the City Manager's chair. The City Clerk will be seated in the Mayor's chair and will preside during the election of the Mayor.

The election of the Mayor will be conducted as follows:

City Clerk Perrin will rap the gavel announcing that nominations are now open for the office of Mayor.

Following the nomination(s), she will ask if there are any further nominations, and if hearing none she will announce that nominations are closed.

She will then ask that as many as are in favor of
(Name) to be elected to the office of Mayor say "Aye",
opposed "No". If more than one nomination was received, this
question will be repeated. When it is ascertained that a nominee has
received the majority of the votes, the City Clerk will announce that
nominee to have been elected Mayor.

5. The newly elected Mayor will then change seats with the City Clerk and
conduct the election for the Mayor Pro Tempore in the same manner described
above.
6. The newly elected Mayor may then wish to make some comments, following
which, he will adjourn the meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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REFLECTIONS

Phillip Pennino
Mayor, City of Lodi
December 1, 1993

AS I LOOK BACK THIS YEAR, ONE COULD EASILY FOCUS ON THE NEGATIVE THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. HOWEVER THAT WOULD BE LIKE LOOKING AT THE GLASS HALF EMPTY, INSTEAD OF HALF FULL.

INSTEAD I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND JUST A FEW MINUTES DISCUSSING THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED, BECAUSE MY FEAR, IS THAT MANY INDIVIDUALS WILL ONLY REMEMBER THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS. THOSE POSITIVE ASPECTS CAN BE CATEGORIZED INTO THREE AREAS:

- COMMUNICATION**
- CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**
- FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. COMMUNICATION

THIS YEAR THE CITY COUNCIL HELD 12 TOWN HALL MEETINGS. MANY OF US FELT THAT THESE TOWN HALL MEETINGS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, ESPECIALLY WITH TWO NEW MEMBERS COMING ON THE COUNCIL. IT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AS TO EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID AND TO PROVIDE EVERYONE WITH A CHANCE TO EVALUATE THE DEPARTMENTS AND TO INFORM THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND EVEN TOOT THEIR OWN HORN.

IF YOU CONSIDER 4 OUT OF 5 OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ON THE CITY COUNCIL LESS THAN THREE YEARS, THESE MEETINGS PROVED TO BE A GREAT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

THIS YEAR THE COUNCIL ALSO HELD A MEETING ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN. THIS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE AREA WITH CONCERNED CITIZENS AND TO LISTEN TO MANY OF THEIR CONCERNS.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATION WAS EVIDENT WITH THE INSTALLATION OF TWO TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT CITY HALL IS FOR ALL CITIZENS.

IN A TYPICAL YEAR, THE CITY COUNCIL HOLDS APPROXIMATELY 80 MEETINGS. THIS YEAR THE CITY COUNCIL HELD THE FOLLOWING:

25 REGULAR MEETINGS
8 SPECIAL MEETINGS
12 TOWN HALL MEETINGS
47 SHIRTSLEEVE MEETINGS
10 CITIES-COUNTY MEETINGS

102 TOTAL MEETINGS WHICH REPRESENTS A 27.5% INCREASE

2. CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

THIS YEAR THE CITY COUNCIL HAS HAD MORE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.

THE YEAR STARTED WITH THE FORMATION OF THE EASTSIDE CITIZENS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE FINISHED A SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH THE DEDICATION OF HALE PARK AND THE WEEK LONG EASTSIDE CLEAN-UP. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT MADE UP OF GOVERNMENT PEOPLE, BUT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONCERNED AND COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE EASTSIDE. I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO THANK VIRGINIA SNYDER, VIRGINIA LEHR, AND JOHN YOUNG FOR ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE AND SUCCESSFULLY MAKING THE COMMITTEE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE LODI.

IN APRIL, THE CITY COUNCIL ALONG WITH THE LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, STARTED THE "GREATER LODI AREA YOUTH COMMISSION." THIS COMMISSION HAS & WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE YOUTH OF LODI. WORKING TOGETHER AND COORDINATING WITH VARIOUS YOUTH PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE OCCURRING IN LODI. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE COMMITTEE HOPES TO HAVE A PAGE IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ONCE A WEEK WHICH WILL HIGHLIGHT INDIVIDUAL YOUTHS AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT WEEK. OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL BE DONE BY THIS COMMISSION WILL BE A YOUTH CONFERENCE, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, A NEW YEARS EVE GET-TO-TOGETHER AND A SUMMER BEACH PARTY. WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT THE CITY OF LODI AND THE LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS MANY FACILITIES AVAILABLE. WE JUST NEED TO USE THEM TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

THE GANG ALTERNATIVE TASK FORCE WAS ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR, HOWEVER THEIR ACTIVITIES STARTED THIS YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR WORKING WITH THE GANG MEMBERS AND PROVIDING THEM WITH A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ALONG WITH SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS, WHO LIVE IN AND OUT OF THE CITY, SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME ON THE OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN. WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PLAN WITH SOME AREAS STILL NEEDING CLARIFICATION; HOWEVER, I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO APPROVE THE PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE. THESE MEMBERS, ALONG WITH THE COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND EMPLOYEES WILL WORK TOWARDS MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY AT CITY HALL. NO MATTER WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS YOU HAVE THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

OTHER AREAS OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION INCLUDE THE;

- ARTS COMMISSION
- SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
- PLANNING COMMISSION
- SPARC COMMITTEE
(SITE PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE)
- LIBRARY BOARD
- DBCP TASK FORCE
- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
- TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

ALL THESE COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE HAVE IN LODI.

3. FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

THIS YEAR, WITH THE HELP OF CITY STAFF, CITIZENS, AND CITY COUNCIL, WE WERE ABLE TO ADOPT A BALANCED BUDGET PRIOR TO JULY OF 1993. THIS WAS A BUDGET THAT WAS REDUCED BY 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS WITHOUT LAYING OFF A SINGLE PERSON WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE HAVE.

IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, THE CITY COUNCIL FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE GOAL OF THIS PARTNERSHIP IS TO WORK TOGETHER TO RETAIN AND ATTRACT BUSINESSES TO LODI.

TOGETHER THIS GROUP HAS BEEN WORKING TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LODI, AND TO IDENTIFYING QUALITY COMPANIES THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE CITY OF LODI. THEN IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, THE CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED THE POSITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR.

THIS POSITION HAS ALLOWED US TO WORK TOGETHER TO REVITALIZE THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND CHEROKEE LANE. AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH MICHAEL FREEDMAN OF FREEDMAN, TUNG, AND BOTTOMLY, TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK. THIS SCOPE WILL BE DEVELOPED AND THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AT CITIZEN WORKSHOPS. WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THAT THIS WILL NOT BE A CITY HALL PROJECT, BUT A CITIZENS PROJECT. YOUR IMPUT HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE VERY IMPORTANT. SO PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

OTHER AREAS THAT NOT ONLY HELP IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY INCLUDES THE SAFETY FOR OUR CITIZENS. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR AGGRESSIVE PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE; SACRAMENTO STREET CLEAN UP, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, OPERATION ALL OUT, AND THE ANTI LOITERING ORDINANCE & CURFEW.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE CITY EMPLOYEES FOR PERFORMING AN OUTSTANDING JOB THIS YEAR. I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK OUR NEW CITY CLERK JENNIFER PERRIN, CITY ATTORNEY BOB MCNATT, OUR CITY MANAGER TOM PETERSON AND MY FELLOW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WAS ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF LODI TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE, DIRECTION, AND TO ESTABLISH POLICY THAT ALLOWS THE CITIZENS OF LODI A QUALITY OF LIFE THAT IS SECOND TO NONE.

ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY WIFE MELANIE, SON BRYAN, DAUGHTER SUMMER, MY EMPLOYER PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC AND THE CITIZENS OF LODI FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LODI. I HAVE BEEN HONORED, AND WILL REMEMBER THIS YEAR.

THANK YOU.